

## HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met September 6, 2005, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

CONSENT AGENDA – Eriksen made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the August 23 meeting
2. Accept and place on file the Public Works Department annual report
3. Accept and place on file communications from Regional Planning
4. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. Accept and place on file communications as received.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

5c DISCUSS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE ON PROJECT C40(332) AND C004013010 – This certification of compliance needs to be signed by the highway superintendent, the engineer on the project and the County Board chair. Jeff Palik was the engineer and he signed off but it needs the superintendents and the County Board Chair's signatures. Dan Hostler was the superintendent when this project was completed.

Jeff Palik was present and he stated that this project has been completed and the certification needs to be signed in order to request the soft match funding.

Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that she did not see a problem having Mr. Hostler sign off on this project because he was there when the project was completed.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to authorize the chair to sign the Certification of Compliance for projects C40(332) and C004013010. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

6a DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTINUATION OF A PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM AND COMPUTER ASSISTED MASS APPRAISAL SYSTEM – This is the Terra Scan software

for the County Assessor's Office discussion was held at the last meeting to put this contract under the IT Department since it is with the Hall County Board and the fees are paid from this budget. Doug Drudik was present and stated that the last page shows the per parcel cost of \$1.16 and the county has 25,388 parcels there are also nodes in the assessor's and county treasurer's office so the total cost would be \$32,331.68 for the fiscal year. He stated that this program is in compliance with what the state requires.

Hartman questioned if the fees had been paid from the computer budget before and Doug stated that they had been for several years and this is nothing different, he just reviewed it and brought it to the board for their approval.

Jeffries stated that he has serious concern on the Terra Scan program and questioned why there were so many problems with the values this year. Lancaster stated that this is the software that the state uses and the elected official is included in the decision of the software that is used

Arnold stated that it uses the Marshall Swift program to set the value. This uses the square feet, construction type and a depreciation factor to set the value, but he has concerns on how it was used. He has asked for information from the assessor on the properties that the values seem to be high. This program uses the same information that the state uses and it is important that the county do the same. Drudik noted that the County Treasurer also uses this program, and with the number of parcels in Hall County it is important to have a computer system otherwise the entire process would be much slower. He also noted that they are purchasing another field unit for the assessor's office that will help speed up the process.

Jeffries expressed concern that as a board of equalization they need information so they are aware of what is going on. Arnold noted that they also need sales information. Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that the assessor's committee needs to meet with the assessor and request the information from her. She expressed concern that the IT department should not provide information for another department.

Arnold made a motion Humiston seconded to authorize the chair to sign the contract with the Department of Property Assessment and Taxation. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

6b DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INTERNET SERVICES CONTRACT – Mr. Drudik presented information to the board members regarding the internet service that is currently provided by MCI. He is recommending using a new proposed contract with AT&T. They currently pay \$680.00 monthly but there is not a backup for the internet access and if the system went down the internet service could be down for 1 to 2 weeks. Right now the election department is entirely on line with the State, the justice system and public safety are constantly using the internet access. The new contract would be \$762.80 monthly and there would be a secondary backup for \$82.94 monthly. A copy of the master agreement was included in the packet.

Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to authorize the chair to sign the master agreement with AT&T for the internet access service. The computer committee has also reviewed this agreement. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

4 9:45 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING HALL COUNTY BUDGET – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to open the public hearing. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Accountant Brad Fegley was present. This budget had been discussed during all of the budget meetings. He stated that the board needs to address the 1% carry over that they have been approving the last several years. The board needs to consider this to assist with the lids.

No members of the public were present.

Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE 1% ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE INCREASE - Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve the 1% additional allowable increase. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR HALL COUNTY BUDGET – Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve Resolution #05-0046 for the adoption and appropriations for the Hall County budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:50 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING – FINAL TAX REQUEST FOR COUNTY BUDGET RATES Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to open the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The information on the levy and tax asking was included in the packets and the resolution setting the tax asking is also included. The levy is lower than last year.

Lancaster noted that this fiscal year budget also includes an extra pay period that is an additional \$300,000.00.

Chairman Lancaster called for public response and no one responded.

Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve Resolution #05-0047 a resolution setting the property tax request for Hall County. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

7 DISCUSS AND APPROVE HINES SERVICE AGREEMENT AND MIDLANDS CHOISE GROUP AGREEMENT – County Clerk Marla Conley stated that both of the agreements were reviewed by Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham. These are renewals of the contracts that Hall County has had with both of them.

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the contracts and authorize the chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no and Hartman was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M. BID OPENING FOR WEBB ROAD ASPHALT PROJECT C40(261)-2 – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	TOTAL BID	BID BOND
Gary Smith Construction	\$114,765.47	Enclosed
J.I.L. Asphalt	\$128,845.70	Enclosed

Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee and they will review and come back with a recommendation today. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no and Hartman was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

8 ACCPT AND PLACE ON FILE COUNTY INVENTORIES AND DISCUSSION ON INVENTORIES – Chairman Lancaster stated that this item will be tabled for two weeks.

9 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 AS FAMILY DAY – County Clerk Marla Conley read the resolution. Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve Resolution #05-0050 A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 AS FAMILY DAY. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no and Hartman was absent for the vote. Jeffries was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

10. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON JOINING SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – Eriksen stated that this item will be postponed for two weeks, because they need additional information. Michelle Oldham stated that she had attempted to obtain the actual document that need to be signed but was unable to do so. Hartman questioned if it wasn't necessary to get this taken care of. Eriksen stated that they still need more information.

BID OPENING – Jeffries stated that the public works committee reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the bid to Gary Smith Construction for the Webb Road paving with a total bid of \$114,765.47 and authorizing the chair to sign the contract. The completion date will be November 14, 2005. Jeffries noted that the cost of the project is higher because of the increase in the oil prices. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no and Hartman was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Held a board of equalization meeting.

13 DISCUSS AID TO HURRICANE VICTIMS – Hartman stated that he put this on the agenda. After seeing the destruction from the hurricane he has a concern for all of the children that have lost their homes. He would like to see the county contribute the dollars that are designated for the civic center for relief for the hurricane victims. In 1980 when Grand Island was hit by the tornados we received help now it is our turn to help

some one. He wanted to make this proposal to the board and see if it is in their hearts to help.

Jeffries questioned how the agreement for the Events Center is set up? Stacey replied that the County is to pay \$150,000.00 for 6 years and the last year is \$100,000.00. The keno dollars are to be used for community betterment but this is not our community. Lancaster noted that all of the churches are addressing the relief effort and Grand Island is a generous community but she would like to absorb this and then make a decision.

Arnold also stated he would like more time to consider this and if the county participates he would also like to see it used for a specific project. Hartman stated he would like to give the money to rebuild a school or a church.

Lancaster stated that the states may be asked to house some of the people that have lost their homes.

Rye stated that he would like to help but would like it to be more specific and he would also like some time to consider this. Discussion was held to contact the governor's office to see what the counties can do.

Arnold made a motion and Hartman seconded to draft a letter to the governor's office and offer assistance for relocation or in-kind services for hurricane relief.

Eriksen stated that the board needs guidance on if the keno dollars can be used for this and how it can be done. Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that she will address this issue and let the board know.

The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:40 a.m. held a board of corrections meeting

11a. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNION NEGOTIATIONS

11b. EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL – Jeffries made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go into executive session regarding union negotiations and personnel. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no and Hartman was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

11:30 a.m. executive session union negotiations

11:35 a.m. executive session personnel

12:10 p.m. Humiston made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no and Hartman was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Lancaster called for action to be taken from the executive session.

Rye made a motion and Eriksen seconded to ask Casey Sherlock and Dennis Sullivan to do a second interview for the public works director's position on Monday September 12 at 6:00 p.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes

and none voted no and Hartman was absent for the vote. Motion carried. Lancaster stated that this meeting will be recessed until then.

16. COMMENCE AUDIT AND ACTION ON BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND APPROVE REGULAR CLAIM FOR CORRECT CARE – Eriksen made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and the claim for Complete Care. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no and Hartman was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS - Hartman – no report

Humiston – no report

Eriksen - no report

Rye - no report

Jeffries – He reported that the Hall County Park will be closed starting September 12 for the construction. The parks committee met regarding the house that is located at the park and they are sending a memo to every employee in the county offering the house to live and do some after hours work. The public works committee will meet after this meeting.

Arnold – all reported on

Lancaster – she attended the Midland Area Agency on Aging meeting and stated that there is a concern on the Medicare prescription cards and hope that people understand that there is an open enrollment time and it is important that people understand this.

Lancaster reminded the board members to complete their inventories.

12:20 p.m. Meeting recessed until 6:00 p.m. Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

Returned to regular session.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Lancaster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Bob Humiston was not present arrived at 6:15 p.m... Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent*.

6:15 p.m. Bob Humiston arrived

Casey Sherlock was present.

#1 Bob Rye Any additional information He does not have county position he works for Buffalo Surveying he asked Mr. Sherlock what is his position he has he stated that he does not have a title he is next in line. Duties are everything except writing the checks and payroll. He coordinates the work with the owner and with the rest of the staff to get

the work done. There are 3 field crews of 2 or 3 people and sometime he also runs a crew he handles the larger projects they have 3 surveyors on staff.

#2 Bud Jeffries qualifications and experience He started Jensen & Associates he was party chief position , he did a state highway project south of Chadron when he was in college then he graduated from Chadron State College with a degree in math, he has experience in civil engineering, did some downtown reconstruction projects He worked for a firm in Iowa but wanted to move back to Nebraska, worked with Miller and Associates did some traveling and worked as a construction surveyor but did a lot of traveling, did all of the work on 56<sup>th</sup> Street in Kearney, he obtained his land surveyor certification one year ago will have 2 years of land surveying and civil engineering

#3 Scott Arnold Level of management skills he has a total of 8 employees under him some times they have 10 during summer start at 7:30 sends out the field crews and assigns the work to the drafters and communicates with the secretaries what work needs completed he answers the questions from the field crews check the drawings and inspects them he also does the legal descriptions on the surveys does auto cad drafting and coordinates these efforts with Mitch.

His experience with civil engineering does the testing for quality control soil testing and concrete testing, assisted with the proposed engineering work that is to be done he also worked under an engineer and also did computer work he has had more urban design but also has experience with right of way acquisition he works directly with a licensed engineer he always reviews the plans

#4 Pamela Lancaster what other experience would help with the road department the county projects need to be completed and he has experience in seeing that projects are completed, the county road are already there and on the state highway project he used various types of surveying to complete the project he also has experience working with the contractors to read the plans and get the work done.

#5 Jim Eriksen – One thing Mr. Sherlock would have to do is to oversee the staff Mr. Sherlock stated that he is sure that there is currently some one in charge and he would hope to communicate with that person to handle the situations as they come up there would be some one in charge of snow removal construction etc that he could work with

Hartman questioned why he had 5 jobs in the last several years. Mr. Sherlock stated he wanted more experience for a surveyor He left Iowa because he did not like living there and wanted to come back to Nebraska he worked with Buffalo Surveying so he could get the necessary experience to obtain his license he wants to become an elected official To further his professional career most of employees are older and he gets along with contractors and they do not have a problem with him he knows what he is doing. He is younger but if the board accepts him they will also respect him.

He can be reached at 308 627 6793

.Dennis Sullivan was present.

#1 Bob Rye – Any additional information Dennis stated that he was a surveyor's assistant he feels that the public works director and the surveyor work together well and he has also done the bridge inspection and worked with the state on the bridge inspections he has installed culverts, and also done asphalt inspections. He completed

work on a 2 million dollar bond issue and he did the calculations on the roads. He has also done some emergency on closing bridges and helped set up the 911 system.

#2 Bud Jeffries qualifications and experience He has 14 years with Lincoln County Surveyor's office he has done signs for the highway department and also helped with the prairie fires.

#3 Arnold explain his management experience – he worked at Sandhills Industries as a manager there was only one person above him he handled the contracts and ran two shifts with 14 or 15 employees under him, this was an extension of the Sandhills Center for change led individuals he had to match the work with the person and oversee the production.

#4 Jim Eriksen explain that one key component of the public work director is management what is his management philosophy Mr. Sullivan stated the he would not do no ask someone to do something that you wouldn't do He would use the people that are currently there and would learn what they can do there are lot of long term employees have to tap that experience and use it

#5 Hartman impressed that he would also do the same work as the employees but he would also have to get along with the farmers and the current employees

Mr. Sullivan stated that he knows this was a difficult decision. He can be reached on his cell 308 530 0602

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to go into executive session regarding personnel. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

7:10 executive session

7:55 p.m. Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Lancaster called for a motion. Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to offer the position to Casey Sherlock. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Hartman abstained. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be September 20, 2005

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Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk